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	AMENDMENT/REPLY T	RA	NSMITTAL LETTER					
	Commissioner for Patents ton, D.C. 20231							
Sir:								
Encl	osed is a reply for the above-identified pa	tent	application.					
[X]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.							
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.0 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.	00 (2	2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due u	ander 37				
[]	Also enclosed is/are			*				
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.							
[]	Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).							
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted requested.	,	on, for which continued exa	mination is				
[]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.							
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration (1809/2809) is also enclosed.	of S	Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1	.129(a)				
[]	No additional claim fee is required.							

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[X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	31	MINUS 48 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 4 =	1	× \$84.00 (1201) =	84.00
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depend	ent claims, add \$28	0.00 (1203)	<u> </u>	
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TOTAL ADDITIONA	L FEE DUE	FOR THIS AME	NDMENT		84.00

[X]	A claim fee in	the amount of \$_	84.00	_ is	enclosed
[]	Charge \$	to Deposit	t Account	No.	02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 27-30, 34-36, 41-43, 48-50 and 52-59 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 14-16, 22-26, 44-47 and 51 as follows:

5. (Four Times Amended) An isolated DNA which codes for the serine protease, as claimed in claim 21.

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